

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 624

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Jason Roach to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Jason Roach of Rogersville to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, a 2003 graduate of Cherokee High School in Rogersville, Mr. Roach graduated from Carson-Newman University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History

with a minor in Education; he later received a Master of Education in Administration degree from Carson-Newman University in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roach served in the Tennessee Army National Guard from 2003 to 2009 as a member of the 278th Regimental Combat Team; he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Mr. Roach has served as a social studies teacher at Lincoln Heights Middle School in the Hamblen County school district, where he teaches eighth-grade American history and seventh-grade world history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a teacher, Mr. Roach is a bi-vocational pastor, and he currently serves as the pastor of Shepard's Chapel Baptist Church in Rogersville; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Jason Roach to the education standards recommendation committee for social studies for a term that commenced on February 17, 2016, and will expire on January 31, 2017.